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DECEMBER 01 2003**Re: NEW CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket No.: 4616/CON

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Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING NEGATIVE ELECTRODE FOR  
LITHIUM SECONDARY CELLPrior Application Serial No.: 09/884,633Prior Application Filing Date: June 18, 2001

Dear Sir:

- 1) I am enclosing for filing a **NEW CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION** under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), §120, and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), 1.63(d) and 1.78(a), of the above identified Prior Application, comprising:
  - a) a new specification including 24 consecutive pages of written description;  
11 pages with 48 claims, 3 independent;  
1 page with an abstract;
  - b) 1 sheet with 1 Fig. of formal drawings;
  - c) a copy of the original Declaration as well as the Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney originally executed and filed in the Prior Application;
  - d) a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) to cover the filing fee of \$1274.00; and
  - e) a return receipt postcard.
- 2) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or any proper additional fee to Deposit Account 50-0507.
- 3) The specification and the drawings for this Continuation Application include no matter that would have been new matter in the Prior Application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d). The written description corresponds to the specification that was filed in the Prior Application on June 18, 2001, with a Cross-Reference to Related Application inserted at page 1. The present

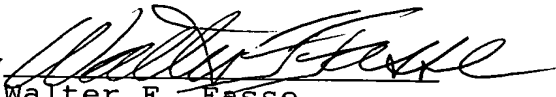
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claims 1 to 48 are based on claims 31 to 78 (renumbered as 1 to 48) as submitted in the Prior Application in the Response of May 13, 2003. The drawing corresponds to the original drawing of the Prior Application. The Abstract has been editorially revised.

- 4) The entire disclosure of the Prior Application is incorporated herein by reference.
- 5) The benefit of the filing date of the Prior Application is hereby claimed for the present Continuation Application under 35 U.S.C. §120.
- 6) The foreign priority benefit of Japanese Patent Applications No. 2000-219072 filed on July 19, 2000; and No. 2000-382173 filed on December 15, 2000 are hereby claimed for the present Continuation Application through the Prior Application. The certified copies of the Priority Applications were filed in the Prior Application.
- 7) The inventors in the present Continuation Application are the same inventors as in the Prior Application.
- 8) The present specification is supported by the original Declaration as well as the Supplemental Declaration executed by the inventors in the Prior Application.
- 9) The Power of Attorney and the Correspondence Address in the Prior Application are included in the original Declaration and are directed to **USPTO CUSTOMER NO. 021553**.
- 10) The present Continuation Application is assigned of record to:  
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by an Assignment recorded at: Reel/Frame: 011918/0581, Date: June 18, 2001 in the Prior Application.
- 11) All correspondence for this Application is to be sent to:  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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